

**MINUTES  
CITY OF ST. CHARLES, IL  
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE  
MONDAY, JUNE 2, 2014**

**1. Opening of Meeting**

The meeting was convened by Chair. Turner at 7:35p.m.

**2. Roll Call**

**Members Present:** Chair. Turner, Ald. Stellato, Silkaitis, Payleitner, Lemke, Bancroft, Martin, Krieger, Bessner and Lewis

**Absent:**

**3. Omnibus Vote**

Transfer Resolutions (4).

Motion by Ald. Stellato, second by Silkaitis to approve the omnibus items as presented.

**Voice Vote:** Unanimous; Nays: None. Chrmn. Turner did not vote as Chairman. **Motion carried.**

**4. Finance Department**

- a. Recommendation to approve an Ordinance Ascertaining Prevailing Wages in the City of St. Charles for Kane and DuPage Counties.

**Julie Herr:** We are requesting the approval of the annual ordinance that establishes the prevailing wage rates for the City. This is a housekeeping issue that we have to go through every year. We are requesting that it be approved by Committee to go to Council for final approval.

Motion by Ald. Stellato, second by Bessner to recommend approval of an Ordinance Ascertaining Prevailing Wages in the City of St. Charles for Kane and DuPage Counties.

**Voice Vote:** Unanimous; Nays: None. Chrmn. Turner did not vote as Chairman. **Motion carried.**

- b. Recommendation to approve a Resolution Authorizing the 1-year Renewal Option of the License Agreement between the City of St. Charles and the Downtown St. Charles Partnership to expire April 30, 2015.

**Julie Herr:** City staff is seeking a recommendation to approve the 1-year renewal option of the license agreement between the City and the Downtown St. Charles Partnership. This is the second of two 1-year renewals that are allowed by the agreement and please note that city staff does not

have any objection to this renewal; so we are just asking for a recommendation to be approved by City Council.

Motion by Ald. Bancroft, second by Stellato to recommend approval of a Resolution Authorizing the 1-year Renewal Option of the License Agreement between the City of St. Charles and the Downtown St. Charles Partnership to expire April 30, 2015.

**Voice Vote:** Unanimous; Nays: None. Chrmn. Turner did not vote as Chairman. **Motion carried.**

- c. Recommendation to approve funding for the Heritage Center in the amount of \$35,000 for fiscal year 2014-2015.

**Julie Herr:** The Heritage Center is here tonight requesting funding support from the City for FY14/15 in the amount of \$35,000. As you know, in the past, the City has helped fund the Heritage Center through the annual allocation from the Cultural Commission. Beginning of FY13/14 we actually separated it out and made it a separate allocation from the hotel/motel tax revenues. We are requesting that the separate funding continue in the same amount as last year of \$35,000. Representatives from the Heritage Center are here to provide a presentation regarding their funding request.

**Kathy Brens, President of St. Charles Heritage Board and Julie Bunke, Executive Director of the St. Charles Heritage Center:** We would like to give you an overview of what we are doing, what our goals are, and how any funds would be allocated. We appreciate the support we've been getting from the City through the years.

- We started in 1933 and have been ongoing. We were located for a while in the Municipal building and we moved to our current location in 2000 at 215 E Main Street which is the former McCornack Oil Company/Texaco Gas Station.
- We now have a brand new gift shop which is a wonderful warm welcome to our museum.
- We do have an extensive collection of documents, artifacts, etc. and we are seeking to improve and add to it every single year.
- Involvement in the community is key and we are involved in the City of St. Charles, the CVB, the Downtown Partnership, Park District, Public Library, Chamber, School District 303, and St. Charles Township. That would be our local involvement. Beyond that both state-wide and nationwide we are involved and hope to keep up that accreditation.

We have a variety of wonderful programs and I'll let Julie talk about those.

**Julie Bunke:** We give school tours to the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders all across the St. Charles school district. We have a wonderful youth program called "The Junior Historical Society" where kids come in one Saturday a month and learn about different aspects of the history of their town and how a museum is begun and run. We also offer several programs for adults. We recently had a co-partner program at the library where we broke attendance records – we had 103 people show up for a speaker.

**Kathy continued:**

- We have received awards, recognitions and accomplishments. The work that has been done by the museum certainly has garnered many well deserved awards.
- The community can get involve by enrolling in membership, attend programs, visit the museum, donate artifacts, documents, photos; and become a volunteer.
- Our annual fundraiser “Pig Roast” event is June 28.
- Showed a pie chart of projected income and program expenses for 2014 for the Heritage Center. The one Income chart shows where they are getting their money and the Program Expenses chart show how they would spend the \$35,000 they are requesting from the Council. Also showed an item list of their expenditures.
- The biggest benefit the Heritage Center receives from the funding is to update our museum educational and historical displays and that reaches almost 10,000 visitors annually. We also create outreach programs for both the youth and adult population of St. Charles and St. Charles Township.

Motion by Ald. Stellato, second by Silkaitis to recommend approval of funding for the Heritage Center in the amount of \$35,000 for fiscal year 2014-2015.

**Voice Vote:** Unanimous; Nays: None. Chrmn. Turner did not vote as Chairman. **Motion carried.**

**5. Executive Session - None**

- Personnel
- Pending Litigation
- Probable or Imminent Litigation
- Property Acquisition
- Collective Bargaining
- Review of Minutes of Executive Sessions

**6. Additional Items**

None.

**7. Adjournment**

Motion by Ald. Bessner, second by Lewis to adjourn meeting at 7:43 p.m.

**Voice Vote:** Unanimous; Nays: None; Absent: Lemke, Bancroft, Bessner, Lewis. Chrmn. Turner did not vote as Chairman. **Motion carried.**

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